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Yolo County Eviction Prevention Ordinance and Rental Assistance Grant Program Still Available

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Eviction Prevention Ordinance and the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Grant Program remain in effect for residents. With cases of COVID-19 surging throughout the region, Yolo continues to protect housing stability for residents during the pandemic through the eviction ordinance and rental assistance program.

COVID-19 Eviction Prevention Ordinance

The COVID-19 [Eviction Prevention Ordinance](#) was initially established by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on March 24, 2020 and was expanded through an [urgency ordinance](#) on April 21, 2020. The purpose of the ordinance is to preserve the public peace, health, safety and welfare in the unincorporated areas of Yolo County by limiting evictions related to compliance with state and/or local shelter-in-place orders or failure to pay rent due to loss of income resulting from COVID-19.

The ordinance stops many residential and commercial evictions related to COVID-19 impacts and will remain in effect for 180 days after the public health and local emergencies are terminated, which are currently still in effect. To receive eviction protection under the ordinance tenants must be experiencing at least one of the following:

- Substantial loss of income due to COVID-19
- Substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses resulting from COVID-19
- Compliance with a lease term that would violate a state or local requirement to stay home, self-quarantine, or avoid congregating with others

In order to obtain the eviction protection, residents must notify their landlord in writing and provide documentation if they are unable to pay rent, in full or in part, before the rent is due or within seven days after the due date. Residents will still be responsible for paying any portion of the rent that they are able to pay and will be responsible for paying all past due rent to their landlord within 180 days after the termination of the public health and local emergencies. Additional information regarding the eviction protection, including a frequently asked questions document, is available on the County website under ‘Local Assistance’ of the “Federal, State and Local Assistance” tab at: www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-guidance.

COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

The COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program provides a one-time rent and utilities grant to low-income Yolo County tenants who have been unable to pay full rent because they experienced, and can demonstrate, hardship

resulting from COVID-19. Eligible hardships include: loss of or reduction in employment and wages, increased medical or childcare costs or loss of childcare.

The types of assistance available are:

- rent assistance
- security deposits
- utility costs (electricity, gas, water/sewer)*
- utility deposits*

*only available with rent or security deposit assistance

Yolo County Housing is administering the program on behalf of Yolo County and funds will be awarded to rental households, on a first-come, first-served basis upon receipt of a complete application. Once funds run out, the program will close. Eligible tenants may submit applications in English or Spanish at: www.ych.ca.gov/COVID-19/2020.php.

In order to be eligible for grant funding, tenant households must be income eligible as follows:

- Very low-income tenants (up to 60% area median income or AMI) **OR**
- Low income (up to 80% AMI) with high rent burden (30% or higher).

Household income limits (Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2020) are:

Household Size	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person
Up to 60% AMI	\$38,880	\$44,400	\$49,980	\$55,500	\$59,940	\$64,380
Up to 80% AMI	\$51,800	\$59,200	\$66,600	\$74,000	\$79,950	\$85,850

The maximum assistance given cannot exceed a one-time cap grant amount of \$4,000 per household in the City of Davis and up to \$3,000 per household in all other Yolo County areas. Back rent or overdue utility costs due on or after July 1, 2020 are eligible for assistance as well. Funds will be disbursed directly to the landlord and utility provider on behalf of the tenant. The program bridges the gap between what the tenant can afford and the tenant's actual rent. The required tenant's share of rent is 10% of adjusted gross monthly income. The share of monthly rental assistance will be the difference between actual rent and the tenant payment. There are no requirements for repayment of grants from this program.

“Eviction protection is critical for many Yolo County families due to the economic impact of the pandemic,” said Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Gary Sandy. “Renters should understand these protections and contact the appropriate agencies to ensure that they qualify.”

Additional information about the Emergency Rental Assistance Grant Program, including a program overview document and the application is available on the YCH website at www.ych.ca.gov/COVID-19/2020.php. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>.

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